

House Resolution 1918

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th,
Murphy of the 120th, Sims of the 169th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant General Walter E. Gaskin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Walter E. Gaskin was promoted to the rank of lieutenant
6 general on March 22, 2010, making him only the fourth African American in Marine Corps
7 history to achieve a three-star grade; and

8 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gaskin has served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
9 liberty with the United States Marine Corps since 1974, demonstrating an unyielding
10 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, he has been appointed as the next Deputy Chairman to the NATO Military
12 Committee, and his previous assignments include Vice Director of Joint Staff, service in the
13 2nd Marine Division, Commander of the II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), and
14 Commanding General Multinational Force-West; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of Savannah State University's NROTC Scholarship Program,
16 Lieutenant General Gaskin earned a master's degree in public administration from the
17 University of Oklahoma and completed the senior executive seminar at the John F. Kennedy
18 School of Government at Harvard University; and

19 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gaskin has been recognized with numerous honors and
20 accolades during his prestigious military career, including a Defense Superior Service Medal,
21 a Legion of Merit with one star, a Bronze Star with valor device, and a Defense Meritorious
22 Service Medal; and

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gaskin embodies the spirit of service, willing to find
24 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
25 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American
26 be honored appropriately.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Lieutenant General Walter E. Gaskin for his selfless and
29 effective service to this nation, commend his recent history making promotion to the rank of
30 lieutenant general, and express their most profound appreciation for him and all members of
31 the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar
32 of freedom.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant General Walter
35 E. Gaskin.